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Hello Camp Families,

The start of the camp season is well underway with planning and preparation for the 2016 summer camp season.

We will be doing **ONLINE REGISTRATION** for our camps. Registration will start the Wednesday after the Camp Fair. The Camp Fair is scheduled for Sunday January 31st (snow date February 7th) from 12:00 – 4:00 pm in the cafeteria at Newton North High School.

You do not need to go to the Camp Fair if you already know what camps you want to sign up for. We will not be accepting registrations at the Camp Fair, but we will have some fun entertainment, and all of our camp directors will be at the Camp Fair if you want to learn about some of our other camps.

Our camps will have staggered start times for online registration. Please see the attached flyer for information about registering online and start times for registration. I strongly recommend going online to familiarize yourself with our online registration system and to create a family account if you haven't done so already.

Many of our camps filled last year on the day of registration, and I anticipate that things will fill up quickly again. If you don't get in to all of the weeks you are interested in please make sure to add yourself to the online waiting list. We often get cancellations and are able to get people in.

We have several camps and programs for youth of all ages. Included is a flyer with many of our different programs so you can see what programs are offered, what age groups they are for, what dates the programs run, locations, and costs. Please feel free to contact Newton Parks and Recreation at 617-796-1500 if you have any questions.

All of our camp information, including brochures and calendars, is available online at www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks then click on camps. Our online registration is at www.activityreg.com

I hope you will be able to join us at one of our many programs this summer!

Sincerely,

Robert J. DeRubeis, Commissioner

Newton Parks and Recreation Online Registration for Summer Camps - 2016

Online registration for Newton Parks and Recreation camps will begin on the **Wednesday** after the Camp Fair (February 3 or February 10 if there is a snow day). Some Camps will fill quickly, so please plan ahead. **Please note** that we only accept VISA or MasterCard.

To register online, go to www.activityreg.com Click on Massachusetts, then Newton Parks and Recreation then log in or create an account. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the layout of the online registration system before registration opens. If you don't see the program you are looking for, click on the Registration tab at the top of the screen then click on summer camps and you will be able to find what you are looking for. To find out more about each of our programs check out our website at www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks and click on camps.

If you are new to the online registration system, make sure you create a family account before registration opens. This will speed up the registration process. If you would like to practice registering, follow the steps above for the online registration and click on Summer Camps then Practice Registration and you will be able to practice registering for programs without being charged. If something fills, be sure to add your child to the online waiting list.

Some of our programs require a minimum payment, some require payment in full. If you want to make only the minimum payment, you will need to manually enter the amount of money that you would like to pay for that program, otherwise you will be charged the full amount due.

In an effort to avoid over-loading our registration system, there will be staggered registration start times for some of our programs. Our registration system is set to a designated time clock. The time may vary slightly from your time clock, so be sure to get on early and refresh your browser every few minutes until the registration opens.

5:30 pm	Acres in the Falls, Camp Echo Bridge
6:00 pm	CIT Programs, Kids Korner, T-ville Trails
6:30 pm	Albemarle Acres, Centre Acres
7:00 pm	Camp Extreme, Outdoor Adventure, Vacation Camps
7:30 pm	Auburndale Station, Auburndale Station: The Next Stop, Camp Brunen Brook
8:00 pm	Sports and Specialty Programs (Badminton, Earth Spirit, Golf, Puddlestompers, Smash Volleyball, Tennis, Thundercats, etc)

Recreation staff will be available on the day of online registration until 8:30 pm at 617-796-1500 in case you need assistance. Staff will then be available during normal office hours (M – F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm). We **WILL NOT** accept registrations or payments over the phone.

A limited number of spaces will be reserved for walk in registrations on Thursday for families that are applying for scholarships. Scholarship applications are available online.

Please make sure to log into your account and pay any outstanding balances before you try to register. You will not be able to register if you have an outstanding balance.

Helpful Hints for Online Registration

Our online registration is available at activityreg.com then click on Massachusetts and Newton Parks and Recreation. Here are some helpful hints to try to make registration easier:

1. We only accept Visa or Mastercard.
2. Set up a family account before registration opens. This will make registration go faster.
3. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the online registration system before registration opens. If you don't see the program you are looking for, click on the Registration tab at the top of the screen then click on summer camps and you will be able to find what you are looking for.
4. Be sure to register your children and not yourself. When you click on a program to register, there is a section that says select family member with a downward arrow next to the name. Click on the arrow to select the person you want to register.
5. Click on all of the weeks you are interested in registering for before checking out for that program. Once an activity is in your shopping cart it will stay there for a set amount of time until you check out. If you have multiple kids that you are registering, register all of them and then do one check out. Please note, if you are registering for camps that have different registration start times (5:30, 6:30, etc), you will need to do multiple check outs because the items will not stay in your cart for that long.
6. DON'T waste time signing up for extended day for programs that have a separate add extended day option. Register for the standard day and then if you need extended day, you can add that later. Some camps fill up fast and if you spend time adding extended day you may miss out on getting into a week that you wanted. **Please Note: With the Vacation Camps you would need to register for either the standard day or the extended day option because there is not an add extended day option.**
7. If you only want to pay the minimum payment for a program, and not the full payment, be sure to manually change the amount that you want to pay, otherwise you will be charged the full amount. Some camps require a \$30.00 non refundable deposit per week, others requires payment in full.
8. If something fills, make sure you add your child to the waiting list. If you don't make it in right away, space usually opens up around the March 15th cancellation deadline and we are usually able to get some people from the waiting list in. Please note: If you are on the waiting list and sign up at a different camp, please remember that each camp requires a non refundable deposit when you register. You may lose your deposit if you cancel.
9. If you've never registered for one of our programs before, or would like to practice registering, click on Summer Camps then Practice Registration and you will be able to practice registering for programs without being charged.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with our online registration. Please call or email the manager that runs the camp you are interested in signing up for with questions.

2016 Newton Parks & Recreation Camp Information

Day Camps

Kids Korner ages 3.5 - 5 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 12:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$190.00

This is a great introduction to summer camp for pre-schoolers. Children choose from a variety of activities throughout the day. Age appropriate arts and crafts, games, water play, and journal writing are offered. Located at the Burr Park Community Center.

Auburndale Station grades K - 5 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$210.00

All aboard for a summer of fun! Campers participate in a variety of activities with their group throughout the day including sports, inside games, arts and crafts, music, playground, gym activities, outdoor water play, special events, field trips and more. Located at the Williams School.

Camp Brunen Brook grades K - 6 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$230.00

Pick from a selection of activities during each activity period. Daily activities choices include sports, arts & crafts, playground, inside games, gym, music, science and nature, water play and more. Separate activity choices will be offered for campers in grades K - 2 and grades 3 - 6. Located at the Peirce School.

T-ville Trails grades K – 5 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$230.00

T-ville Trails offers activity choices during each activity period. Separate activity choices are offered for children in grades K—2 and grades 3—5. Children can choose from sports, arts and crafts, music, inside games, playground, storytelling, science & nature, water play and more. Located at the Bowen School.

Albemarle Acres grades 1 – 6 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$210.00

Join us for sports, inside games, arts and crafts, gym, playground, music, swimming at Gath Pool, educational activities (math and language arts), special events, field trips & more. Campers participate in all activities with their group. Located at the Horace Mann School/Albemarle Playground.

Camp Echo Bridge grades 1 - 12 7/5 - 8/12 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$210.00

Enjoy an exciting inclusive program that incorporates educational components (Math, English & Social Skills) into our fun- filled days. This program is great for all campers. Activities include sports, arts & crafts, field trips, special events and more. Campers swim at Crystal Lake. Located at the Mason Rice School.

Centre Acres grades 1 - 6 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$210.00

Enjoy sports, games, arts and crafts, gym activities, swimming at Crystal Lake, special events, field trips, music and more. A great place close to home for making new friends and spending quality time with old friends. Located at the Newton Centre Hut.

Outdoor Adventure grades 2 - 6 7/5 - 8/12 Hours: 9:00 – 1:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$330.00

Two week sessions starting July 5th and a special 1 week session for children in grades 4-6 August 15 - 19. Join us this summer to spend time outdoors discovering the natural world, making new friends, and playing fun games. Located at Nahanton Park on the Charles River.

Acres in the Falls grades 5 – 8 7/5 – 8/5 Hours: 9:00 – 4:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$240.00

Enjoy a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, drama, team challenges, inside games, swimming at Crystal Lake and more. Campers will enjoy 2 field trips and a special event each week. Located at the Brigham House in Newton Highlands. Acres in the Falls also uses the Hyde Community Center.

Auburndale Station: The Next Stop grades 5–8 7/5–8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$240.00

Auburndale Station is taking you to The Next Stop. Enjoy a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, team challenges, inside games, water play and more. Campers participate in 2 field trips and a special event each week. Located at the Williams School.

Counselor in Training Programs grades 8 – 10 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 Cost: \$300.00

at Albemarle Acres, Auburndale Station, Camp Brunen Brook, Camp Echo Bridge and T-ville Trails

Learn how to become a great counselor. Develop skills in activity planning, child development, effective leadership styles & more. Work with the campers and staff at your program to further develop your skills.

2016 Camp Information Continued

Sports Clinics

4 Day Golf Clinic ages 4 to Adult Spring, Summer and Fall Hours: vary Cost: varies
After School, School Vacation Week, SNAG, Weekend Junior and Ladies programs offered too!

Badminton Camp grades 2 - 8 8/8 - 8/19 Hours: half, standard and ext day Cost: \$185&up
Learn the skills of badminton including grip, stroke, movement around the court, and singles and doubles play. Campers staying for standard day (until 3:30) or extended day (until 5:30) will get to participate in choice activities at camp and swimming at Gath Pool.

Smash Volleyball grades 9 – 12 Hours: 9:00 - 4:00
Boys and Girls - prepare to be the best player on your team. www.smashvolleyball.com

Tennis all ages Summer and Fall Hours: vary Cost: varies
A variety of times and locations are available for tennis lessons this summer. www.newtontennis.com

Thundercat Sports ages 7 to 12 6/20 - 8/26 Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$210.00
Learn the skills to play a variety of different sports each day. Located at Pellegrini Park.

Specialty Programs

Newton Youth Players grades 2 to 6 6/27 - 7/15 Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 Cost: \$600.00
For grades 2 – 6 Learn all aspects of putting on a play from acting, singing, dancing, costume design, scenery design and stagecraft. This fun filled 3 week program culminates in a wonderful musical production. Meets M - F at the Franklin Elementary School.

Imagining Beyond Horizons Theatre and non theatre students can join the afternoon creative visual arts program following My Fair Lady rehearsals at Franklin School.
For theatre students: Noon-3 pm, for non theatre students from 1-3 pm. Cost \$350.00

Time for Partners ages 18 mo. - 4 w/adult 7/5 - 8/11 Hours: 9:30 - 11:15 Cost: \$130.00
Music, creative movement and art projects with experienced teachers. Learning is fun, the projects enriching and the new friends help build self-confidence and sharing skills in young children. Located at Franklin Elementary School T,W & Th

Puddlestompers ages 3-8 6/6 - 9/2 Hours: 9:00 - 1:00 Cost \$325.00
Dissect owl pellets, follow deer tracks, catch frogs and run through the grass. Each week will explore different themes through hands on investigation, active movement, crafts, stories and songs. Located at Nahanton Park and Auburndale Cove www.puddlestompers.com

Earth Spirit Camp grades 6 – 8 Hours: 9:00 - 3:30 (ext day avail)
Learn skills to survive in the wilderness. Learn how to build a fire, construct a shelter, navigate through the forest, identify wild edible plants and more. Located at the Auburndale Cove.

Vacation Camps Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$260.00
Enjoy a fun field trip or special event every day. Sports, arts and crafts, and other activities are offered during the day as well. Lunch is included on field trips! Sign up by day or for the whole week.

at Burr Park Community Center grades 1 - 4 August 22–26, August 29–September 2

at Emerson Community Center grades 1 - 6 June 27–July 1, August 22–26

at Newton Centre Hut grades 1 - 6 June 27–July 1, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

Camp Extreme grades 5 – 9 8/15-9/2 Hours: 8:30 - 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$350.00
Enjoy the fun in the great outdoors with a different field trip each day. Includes hiking, fishing, kayaking and more! Located at Lower Falls Community Center.

www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks then click on Camps

Register online at **www.activityreg.com**